

### WILSON PLEDGES HEARTY SUPPORT TO SUFFRAGISTS

Declares to New York Women It Is An Immediate Issue in Every State of Union.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—President Wilson Thursday gave full endorsement to woman suffrage as an immediate issue in every state.

Addressing a delegation of 100 leaders of the New York State Woman Suffrage party, who called at the white house, the president in emphatic terms declared that woman suffrage is one of the fundamental questions of democracy, whose proper settlement is demanded by the issues of the war. He praised the spirit, capacity and vision of American women in the war.

"I believe," he said, "that just because we are quickened by the question of this war we ought to be quickened to give this question of woman suffrage our immediate consideration."

**Pledges His Support.**  
Speaking as "one of the spokesmen of a great party," the president pledged his hearty support and added:

"I want to speak for myself and say that it seems to me that this is the time for the states of this Union to take this position."

Explaining his leaning toward suffrage as a state rather than national issue, he said: "I perhaps may be touched a little too much by the traditions of our politics—traditions which lay such questions almost entirely upon the states, but I want to see communities declare themselves quickened at this time and show the consequences of the quickening."

The suffrage delegation returned to New York Thursday night confident that the president's enthusiastic endorsement would have its effect at the election Nov. 6.

**Pickets Had No Effect.**  
Special significance was placed by many of the New York delegation on the fact that the president's advocacy of suffrage had not been affected by the tactics of militant suffragists of the woman's party. The recent defeat of suffrage in Maine was ascribed by some workers as due to unfavorable impressions created by the so-called pickets.

Officials of the National American Woman Suffrage association declared Thursday night their future plans would be determined largely by the New York results. If suffrage carries they said suffrage campaigns would be started next year in many states. If New York and Ohio, where there also is to be a vote next month, defeat suffrage, efforts may be centered on the federal amendment, pending before congress. A program will be determined at the convention here Dec. 12.

**Says Good Time Now.**  
The war, said the president, has quickened community expressions and made the present a good time for states to express their sentiments at the polls on the suffrage question. He said he would welcome these expressions especially at this time, since in the prosecution of the war social foundations must be sound. One basic principle contributing to this condition, he declared, is complete democracy for women. The president praised the capacity, ability, resources and vision of New York women in conducting the suffrage campaign and asked the delegation to convey his message to the voters of New York state.

### 53 DRAFT RESISTERS ENTER GUILTY PLEAS

ARDMORE, Okla., Oct. 26.—Pleas of guilty were entered in the federal court Thursday by 53 defendants accused of draft resistance. The cases against 29 others were dismissed. Sentence will be passed in those who pleaded guilty tomorrow.

One hundred and sixty alleged draft resisters were accused in the blanket indictment of conspiring to defeat the draft, as an outgrowth of the disorders which occurred throughout the eastern part of Oklahoma last summer. The indictments contain counts covering a multiplicity of charges which include sabotage and destruction of transportation facilities.

### BUSH ASKS NORTHCLIFFE TO ROSE POLY IN JANUARY

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 26.—Acting Gov. Edgar Bush Thursday night sent a letter to Lord Northcliffe, head of England's special mission to the United States, inviting him to attend the January graduation exercises of Rose Polytechnic institute and a big military celebration to be held in Terre Haute the first week in January. Will H. Hays, chairman of the state council of defense, also sent an invitation, and Vigo county and Terre Haute officials and public men also are aiding in the effort to get the noted newspaper man to visit Indiana.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—Ewald Detsch, a son of Dr. Carl Fetsch, a professor at the University of Chicago, was arrested Thursday and arraigned before a United States commissioner on charges of threatening the life of President Wilson and desecrating the American flag. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

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